

**MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION**

July 19, 2007

Fairfax County Government Center,
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room #9
Chairperson, S. Liff, presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners: Kocsis, Liff, Aho, Walde, Gomez,
McRae, Geier-Smith

Absentees:

Rosier, Walde

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable Communications and Consumer Protection

Susan C. Jones, Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

Guests:

Dave Reidenbach, Chief
Regulation and Licensing Branch
John Fee, Chairman
Consumer Protection Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Liff.

Minutes

The June 21, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Reports

- Chairperson's report
 - Chairperson Liff requested Commissioners review the current roster and inform staff of any needed changes.
 - Chairperson Liff announced the resignation of Commissioner Barbara Mosgrave.
There are currently two vacancies.

- **Committee reports** - There were no Committee reports.

Staff reports

- Liaison Johnson reminded Commissioners of the opportunity to attend the Consumer Protection Commission arbitration hearing on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in conference room 10. Commissioners Liff and Grier-Smith plan to attend. Staff requested that the commissioners arrive at 7 p.m. for a briefing before the hearing at 7:30 p.m. Other Commissioners desiring to attend should notify staff by 7/24/07. An e-mail reminder will be sent.
- Chief Jones reviewed the monthly statistical reports. Most of the complaint received during June involved maintenance issues and security deposits disputes.

Commission Matters

- The letter in recognition of Liaison Wagner was reviewed and approved by the Commissioners present. Staff will forward the letter to Chairman Gerald Connolly for consideration by the Board of Supervisors as an action item.
- The attendance record was circulated. Commissioners will inform staff if any changes are needed.

Old Business

1. Bylaws

- The proposed amendments to the Bylaws were discussed. Director Liberman informed the Commissioners that the Bylaws will be reviewed by the County Attorney's office and will need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors as an administrative or action item. A motion was made and seconded that based on the review by the County Attorney, language be drafted for Article XII regarding the county process for approval by the Board of Supervisors and that the amended Bylaws be accepted as presented. This motion was unanimously passed. The current Bylaws remain in effect until approval by the Board of Supervisors. Staff will forward the Bylaws for consideration and approval by the Board of Supervisors in September 2007.

2. Tenant-Landlord program for Cable Channel 16

- The Channel 16 Advisory Committee did not have any information to report.
- A TLC public service announcement was discussed. Acting Director Liberman informed that a communications request for the public service announcement will need to be submitted in the next quarter, which starts in October 2007.
- Liaison Johnson will meet with Donna Monacci on 7/25/07 to develop the Consumer Focus program. The target completion date for this production is October 2007. Once the script is drafted, a copy will be provided to Commissioner Aho for his input on behalf of the Commission.

3. Tenant-Landlord Commission Sign

- A motion was made and approved to reconsider the TLC sign. Three options were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made and seconded that the sign currently in circulation remain, with updates to reflect the current name of the branch and replace all ampersands. The motion was passed unanimously. Staff will make the requested changes for review by the Commissioners at the August meeting.

New Business

- Dave Reidenbach, Chief of the Regulation and Licensing Branch and John Fee, Chairman of the Consumer Protection Commission, presented an overview of desired amendments to Chapter 82, Trespass Towing ordinance. It was requested that the TLC review this information and provide a statement of support for the proposed Towing ordinance and support the upcoming hearing before the Board of Supervisor, possibly in November. The Commissioners agreed to review the information presented for future consideration. This item to be continued as an action item.
- Liaison Johnson provided a summary of laws that became effective on July 1, 2007, that impact tenant-landlord relationships. This information will be e-mailed to all Commissioners with active web site links for future reference.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9: 12 p.m.